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Examiner Stevens, Roberta A

In Re: David Skirmont et al.  
Case: P4505  
Serial No.: 09/663,869  
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Subject: Router-Level Automatic Protection Switching

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Dear Sir:

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